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**Thirty Count Federal Fraud Indictment
Returned Against
Former Georgia State Legislator and Five Others,
Related to Contracts at
East Central Georgia Community Health Center (CMHC)**

AUGUSTA: Edmund A. Booth, Jr., Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today the return of a thirty (30) count indictment on May 26, 2004 by the federal grand jury sitting in Savannah against Robin L. Williams, age 42 from Augusta, GA., C. Michael Brockman, age 61 from Trenton, S.C., J. Duncan Fordham, age 49 from Martinez, GA., M. Chad Long, age 33 from Bremen, GA., Rick L. Camp, age 51 from White, GA., and Fordham, Inc. d/b/a Duncan Drugs, Augusta, GA.

The Defendants are charged with a conspiracy to commit health care fraud, misapplication from a program receiving federal funds and bribery concerning a program receiving federal funds in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371. In addition to conspiracy, Defendants Williams and Brockman are charged with health care fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1347, money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956, and misapplication and bribery concerning a program receiving federal funds in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666; Defendant Camp is charged with making a false statement in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001, health care fraud and money laundering; and, Defendants Long, Fordham and

Duncan Drugs are charged with health care fraud.

The indictment arises out of a joint federal and state investigation into financial irregularities at the East Central Georgia Community Mental Health Center (“CMHC”) from late 1999 through early 2003. The CMHC, located in Augusta, Georgia, is a mental health center which provided health care to indigent and other persons. The CMHC is funded, in part, by Medicaid and Medicare funds.

The indictment alleges that from late 1999 through early 2003, Defendants Brockman, Williams, Fordham, Long, Camp and Duncan Drugs conspired to, and executed a scheme to defraud the CMHC, a health care benefit provider, out of hundreds of thousands of dollars to which they were not entitled. The indictment also alleges that Defendant Williams, a lobbyist, consultant and former member of the Georgia House of Representatives, gave bribes to Defendant Brockman, a former officer of the CMHC, with intent to influence Brockman in connection with a series of transactions of the CMHC.

Under Count One, which charges a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 (Conspiracy), the maximum statutory penalties include: not more than five (5) years imprisonment; a fine of not more than \$250,000; and, not more than three (3) years of supervised release. Under Counts Two, Eight through Ten, and Twenty-Nine, which charge violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1347 (Health Care Fraud), the maximum statutory penalties for each count include: not more than ten (10) years imprisonment; a fine of not more than \$250,000; and, not more than three (3) years supervised release. Under Counts Three, Four and Eleven through Twenty-Eight, which charge violations of 18 U.S.C. § 666 (Misapplication or Bribery Concerning Organization Receiving Federal Funds), the maximum statutory penalties for each count include: not more than ten (10) years imprisonment; a fine of not more than \$250,000; and, not more than three (3) years supervised release. Under Counts Five

through Seven, which charge violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(1)(B)(i) (Money Laundering), the maximum statutory penalties for each count include: not more than twenty (20) years imprisonment; a fine of not more than \$500,000; and, not more than three (3) years supervised release. Under Count Thirty, which charges a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 (False Statement), the maximum statutory penalty include: not more than five (5) years imprisonment; a fine of not more than \$250,000; and, not more than three (3) years of supervised release.

Mr. Booth stressed that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The Defendants are entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the Government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation was conducted by agents with the Georgia State Health Care Fraud Control Unit, including Woody Boyd of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and Karen Hartley of the Georgia Department of Audits, by Bryan Bagley of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, and Bruce Coleman of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation. The Government is represented by Harrison Kohler of Georgia's Attorney General's Office and State Health Care Fraud Control Unit, and Wil Frentzen and Jim Durham, Assistant United States Attorneys for the Southern District of Georgia.

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